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Students kayaking on Terrapin Creek, see JSU Field Schools story, page 4.



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A new crew-with some familiar faces

By Jennifer Bacchus

The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

A little after 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night, Moody Duff III and two friends were waiting outside the Office of Student Life for the results of the Student Government Association elections. Moments after they were announced, Duff was curled in a ball on his knees.

"I didn't think I would win," he repeated several times.

But he did: Duff was elected by a majority of the 677 voters to be the next Vice President of the Student Senate at Jacksonville State University.

"Words cannot express what I'm feeling right now," said Duff. "I'm just excited. I'm happy. I'm thankful to everybody who voted for me."

His phone calls started right after his win, too.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Mardracus Russell, SGA President



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Vice President of Organizational Affairs, Allison Land

Mardracus Russell was elected to his second term as President of the SGA, which came as no surprise since he was running unopposed.

Russell is an education major and a member of both the Intrafraternity Council and Sigma Pi fraternity. Allison Land, who was the solo candidate for Vice President of Organizational Affairs, also won.

Land, a communications major from Marietta, Ga., is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and a current SGA senator.

In the race for Vice President of Student Activities, Olivia Fadul topped Blake Arthur for the position. It's a job

she's worked toward during her past two years on the Student Activities Council.

"I'm planning for this to be my last year," said Fadul, "and I want to go out with a bang."

One of Fadul's key projects will be to get people from every type of background around campus involved in the student activities on campus.

"JSU has so much diversity and so much to offer," she said.

Fadul is a sociology major from Huntsville. In addition to her current duties as an SGA Senator and her work chairing two committees for student activities, she is also a member of the Sociology Club and WISE (Women's Issues Support and Empowerment).

Raynard Cargill took home Mr. Jax State, while Krystle Bell was elected as Miss Jax State.

JSU's new Mr. Friendly is Marcus Sheppard and his female counterpart, Miss Friendly, is Summer Watts.



New SGA Senators and Officers

President: Mardracus Russell

VPSS: Moody Duff III

VPSA: Olivia Fadul

VPOA: Allison Land

Senators:

Roshard "Ro" Cargill

Falen Cox

Brittney Cunningham

Marcus Cunningham

Summer Dase

Jennifer Evans

Mykel Grissom-Storey

Mary Hammond

Shalon Hathcock

Meredith Harvey

Jennifer Heim

Rebecca Hopkins

David Jennings

Shamika Jessup

Heather "Nikki" Jenkins

Ashley Mann

Destini Mayberry

Joseph McElrath

Michael Miller

Nanci Morales

Jennifer Nix

Charday Olan

Natalie Roig

Frank Roscoe

Jasmine Sessom

Jessica Serrett

Marcus Sheppard

Tyrone Smiley

Brett Smith

D'Angelo Smith

Denisha Stewart

"I've gotta text message all my friends. I started calling my mom; I've gotta call Aunty, Grandmama, everybody. I'm just excited," he said.

The biggest change that Duff hopes to see in his term as VPSS is that he wants to make the senate meetings more exciting.

"Towards the end of our term, a lot of senators had stopped coming. They felt like they didn't really enjoy it as much as they did in the beginning," said Duff. "So I just want to make sure I keep that energy going the entire term. Not just in the beginning."

Duff came to JSU from Birmingham and has been involved with the SGA from the start, spending time on Freshman Forum as well as working in the senate. He was also chairman of the academic affairs committee and the executive assistant for the SGA president.



Photo by Jennifer Bacchus

Vice President of Student Senate, Moody Duff III

Photo by Jennifer Bacchus
Vice President of Student Activities, Olivia Fadul

Kyle Tibbs
Sabrina Ussery
Paul Wilson

Players speak out about coach's 'resignation'

By Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Jacksonville State's women's basketball coach Dave Dagostino resigned on March 7 after posting an 11-17 record in 2006, the first losing season in the Dagostino era.

In a year that saw the Gamecocks lose three seniors for part or all of the season, JSU managed to win 9 of their last 14 to earn the seventh seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, where they fell to Samford, 58-56.

In Dagostino's three years as head coach, the Gamecocks were 1-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Despite the losing season, the announcement was met with surprise and shock from the players.

"When I first found out about it, I cried," said Christina Gordon, a redshirt freshman. "I feel that what happens from here on out is going to be OK, but at the same time, when you spend

that much time with your team and your coach, you become like a family."

For the majority of the team, Dagostino was at least part of the reason they decided to call Jacksonville State home.

Katja Fuess, a senior from Mission, British Columbia, is one of six players from outside of the United States who were recruited by Dagostino, either as an assistant to Dana Austin, or during his time as head coach.

"He is the reason I came here," Fuess said. "Alabama is almost as far away from home as I could have gone. I've never had any family members at my games. I've never had any friends at my games. I didn't get that opportunity being so far from home. In order for someone to go that far from home, all the Australians, Ann-Marie [Healy] coming from Ireland, you have to trust and love and have faith in someone you

don't know. With Dave, I had that trust and faith in him."

It is safe to say that any college coach that loses that many games to start the season will be in jeopardy of losing their job.

The Gamecocks lost senior guard Cobie Carlisle for the season with a knee injury during the first game of the season against Utah Valley State. From there, JSU went on to lose 12 of their next 13.

"It's like, in the back of my mind, it's all my fault. That's just how I feel," Carlisle said. "If I would have played, we might not have lost nine in a row, we might not have started in the conference 0-7, and I might have hit the little two points to make us beat Samford."

The Jacksonville State Athletic Department is currently searching for a new head coach, but the members of the basketball team have requested that assistant coach Marcus Reilly be promoted.



Photos courtesy of Jacksonville State University Police

The money and drugs shown above and to the right were confiscated from Deandrew Terrell Jackson during his arrest at the Roundhouse.

Cannabis on campus

By Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

Since August 2005, there have been 10 incidents involving marijuana on the campus of Jacksonville State University. Four were in dorm rooms, four others were in buildings around campus and the other two were just off campus.

These 10 incidents resulted in 13 arrests, due to multiple arrests resulting from the same complaint on occasion.

One arrest, made last Thursday, took 13 bags of marijuana off the market at JSU.

Corporal Neil Fetner was manning UPD's dispatch when the call came in from a university employee that three young men were smoking weed behind the Roundhouse on the Quad.

"Keyed up on the radio - 1077 complaint on the Quad in the area of the roundhouse. Officer comes back says he's 1023, that quick he's already there," said Fetner.

The officer identified himself as UPD and asked the three men to stop. One of them, Deandrew

Terrell Jackson, decided to run - right into the arms of two other officers.

"We were coming up the breezeway there between TMB and the Quad and we're catching this radio traffic that the guy's running," said Stacey Hendrix, one of the responding officers. "As me and my partner are moving into the breezeway, lo and behold, the guy comes around the corner and runs straight into us."

According to the officers involved in the arrest, Jackson was acting disoriented and was obviously intoxicated.

"He's already committed two crimes. One is public intoxication - he was intoxicated to the point where he was a safety threat to himself. Two, he obstructed an investigation. When he was told 'University Police stop!' he decided to run."

When he was searched incident to arrest, the officers found 13 bags of marijuana ready for sale as well as about \$1,100 in cash.

Jackson was arrested for felony possession of marijuana, public

intoxication and obstructing government operations. He is currently out on a \$4,000 bond awaiting trial.

To put JSU's 13 marijuana-related arrests in perspective, the campus had 9,110 students enrolled during the fall semester. In 2004, the University of Alabama, with a student enrollment of 20,969 had 30 arrests for on-campus drug violations, 10 in their dorms.

Incidents in the dorms of JSU have been reported in only two residence halls so far - Dixon and Sparkman.

Marijuana issues have also claimed an athlete. On March 6, Bradford Harry Spencer Jr., better known as B.J., was arrested for possession.

"On any college campus you have two problems," said Jim Fuller, JSU's athletic director. "One is alcohol and one is drugs. All I can ever do is talk to our athletes."

Fuller would neither confirm or deny that Spencer's suspension from the last two games of the season was a result of his drug charge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and Found:

For lost items, check the UPD webpage at police.jsu.edu/lostand-found.html.

BCM:

Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

SGA:

The Office of Student Life is looking for JSU students to be a part of Leadershape 2006. Applications are available in the Office of Student Life and are due March 31.

Contact: Emily Williams at 782-5493

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Contact: Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at 782-8144.

Alpha Xi Delta:

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Contact: Charly Montague: iccibod@aol.com

UPD:

UPD is conducting a survey for their continued accreditation. Please click on the survey link at UPD's website: www.jsu.edu/dept/upd

AFSA:

All Faith Student Alliance meetings are every Tuesday at 6 p.m., 129 Stone Center.

Phi Mu:

Congratulations to "The Fever" for taking second place in JSU Star! Don't forget about Phi Mu's Annual Golf Tournament on April 1 at Cane Creek Golf Course. Sign up for a team with any Phi Mu sister. We hope everyone has a great spring break!

Contact: Lindsay Dant at phimu@yahoo.com

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Tours, talks and treats

By: Natalia Beavers

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"When I stepped on the JSU campus, it felt like home," said prospective transfer student Peggy Sharp, who plans to study criminal justice this fall. Sharp visited the JSU campus along with many other prospective students last Saturday during one of JSU's spring preview days.

"Preview day is held three times throughout the year, twice in spring and once in fall. It was designed for prospective students to learn more about JSU," said Director of Admissions, Martha Mitchell. Each year, the turnout seems to get better.

"We've been doing this for over 10 years now. This year compares favorably," said Mitchell.

The two spring preview days had an excellent turnout. A total of 440 students registered this spring as a result.

During a browse session in the Stephenson Hall gymnasium, students and their parents had the chance to walk around to various booths set

up by departments and student organizations.

University students and faculty were present to assist with any questions.

After the students finished browsing, they were given a chance to take a tour of the campus and pre-register.

Prospective students can learn what classes they should take this fall as well as how to buy meal plans, apply for housing and see what other opportunities are available to them as students.

Sharp and Sherella Wilson, a high school student from Birmingham, each had different reasons for choosing JSU.

While, a friend talked Sharp into attending, Wilson said she chose JSU because it was close to home.

Preview Day benefits both prospective students and the university itself.

Departments and other areas of JSU are able to make contacts to find interested students.

Many of the attendees said that the SGA Ambassadors were very helpful and everyone did a good job putting the event together.

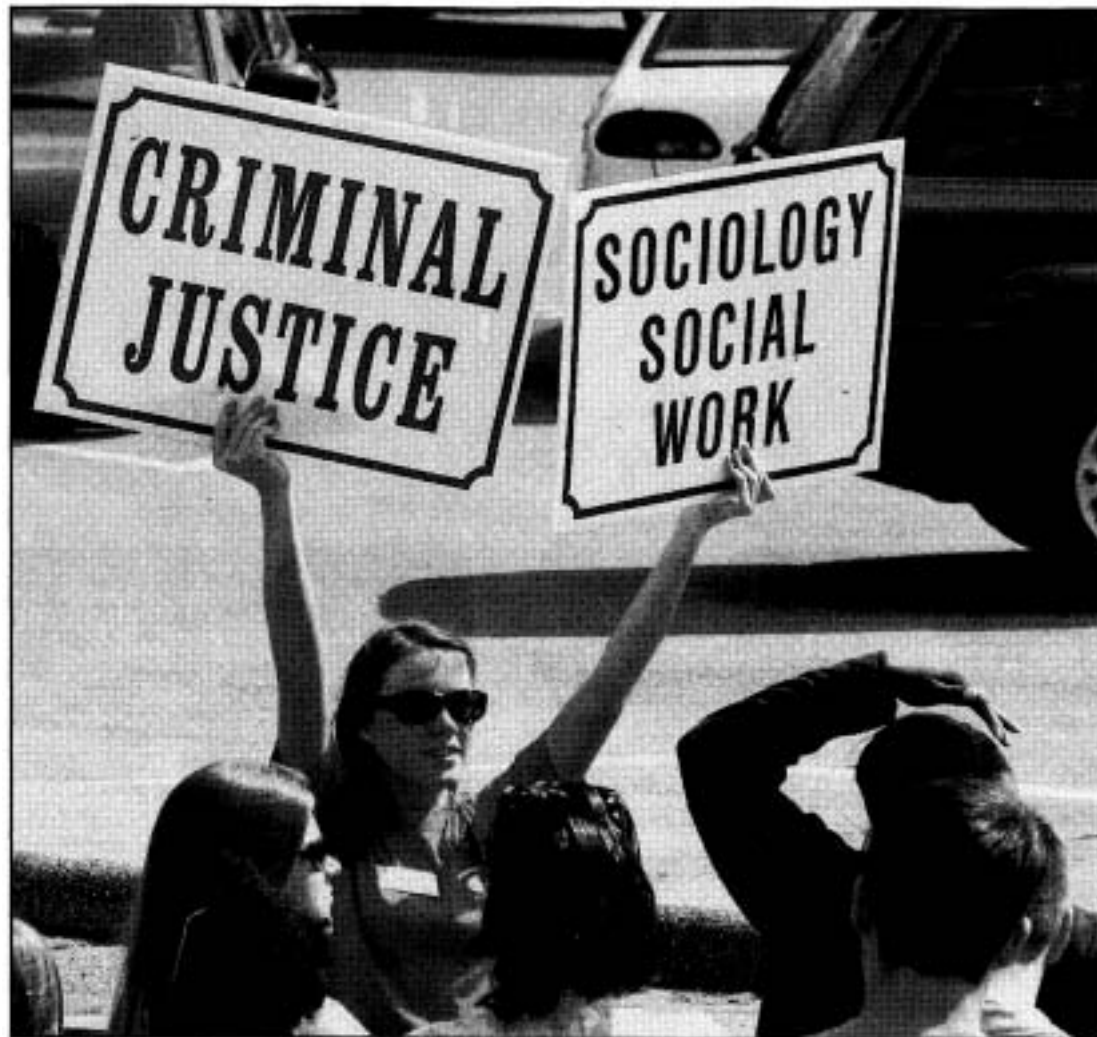


Photo By: Angela Reid

JSU Ambassador Angela Icolano leads prospective students to pre-register for fall classes. Over 440 students pre-registered during the preview days held this year.

Scared to go to class?

By: Jason Keener

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Like horror movies? This May, JSU's got the class for you.

The Horror Film, EH1221, a class created by Dr. Steven Whitton, will meet from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the media room of the International

James Whale's "Frankenstein" and Tod Browning's "Freaks."

Students will then learn what the example films reflect about the social fabric of the country at the time.

Whitton is also considering a look at Hitchcock's "Psycho," which he believes is at the top of the legendary

Whitton, who occasionally teaches The Art of Film, decided to share his love of cinema and create what could become an ongoing series of specific film courses.

He plans to introduce a new film class every May. He decided to start things off with The Horror Film because he believes the genre will

old black and white film called "The Haunting." He refers to the original 1963 version directed by Robert Wise, which was remade in 1999.

He adds, "What I like about it is that we get to participate in it. We don't see what we think we see, but we invent it for ourselves and that's where real horror lies, I think."

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CAMPUS CRIME

March 7 -

Kathryn Ellen Simino was arrested for the possession and eradication of marijuana and the possession of drug paraphernalia at the Theron Montgomery Building. Ronald Levi Miller Jr. was arrested for a simple assault at Daugette Hall. An assault was reported at Daugette Hall.

March 8 -

The theft of a beige 1990 Nissan Stanza valued at \$1,800 was reported at Penn House Apartments. The theft of tuba mouthpieces was reported at Dixon Hall. The unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle was reported at Penn House Apartments. The unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle and the theft of 40 CDs valued at \$250 was reported at Martin Hall. Criminal mischief was reported at Hammond Hall.

March 9 -

Deandrew Terrell Jackson was arrested for the possession and eradication of marijuana, obstructing government operations and public drunkenness at the Roundhouse.

March 10 -

Property damage involving the back window of a car was reported on Hwy 21.

March 11 -

The unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle and the theft of a Kansas Driver's License was reported at Crow Hall.

March 12 -

Criminal mischief was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall. Harassment was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall.

March 13 -

Suicidal gestures were reported on Chimney Peak Road.

Information in Campus Crime is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents that anyone has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe any information to be an error, call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

and Thursday in the media room of the International House.

In the class, eager movie buffs can learn about archetypes that Whitton associates with horror films. These include the usual suspects of the genre like the undead, the freak, the manmade monster and the double, like Jekyll and Hyde.

"We're going to look at those in various social and historical contexts," Whitton explains.

The primary focus of the class will be the horror films of the 1930's and 40's, like

is at the top of the legendary filmmaker's masterpieces.

"I'm also toying with the idea, just for fun, of looking at Mel Brooks' 'Young Frankenstein,'" he said.

Students will take on projects focusing on the archetypes mentioned earlier and their roles in the modern horror films of their choice.

So why does JSU offer a class devoted to scary movies?

The English department has always encouraged its staff to create special courses for the May term. Dr.

he believes the genre will interest the broadest range of people.

If the class goes well, he will bring the format back next May, but the focus will be different.

Instead of exploring the creepy world of monsters and madmen, for example, the next class may study the dazzling world of musicals or the dusty landscapes of westerns.

So what exactly is Dr. Whitton's favorite horror film?

"Oh, it might surprise you," he grins. "I'm very fond of an

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Smoking areas are lost in red tape

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Editor

"Nobody's called me out on it," said Doug Pierce, a sociology senior who smokes cigarettes. "But I don't live here, I don't do a lot here except for school, and they were always pushing us away [from the doors]."

Ordinance number 447, which effects JSU students by making smokers stand 10 feet away from the entrance to a public building, was passed by the Jacksonville City Council Feb. 14, 2005, and put into effect this last Valentine's Day. Many smoking students, like Shannon Dawson and Shannon Parnell, aren't too fond of the law.

"It's a pain in the arse," said Dawson, a junior. "At Stone Center, the ashtrays are still

next to the door instead of farther back. You have to break the ordinance to extinguish your cigarette."

"I don't think anyone's enforcing it, to be honest with you," said Parnell. "Half the cops smoke...do you really think they're going to enforce that?"

Both Dawson and Parnell are right...the outdoor ashtrays at many JSU buildings are inside the ten-foot 'no smoking' areas and no tickets have been issued by the UPD to students for breaking the ordinance.

When UPD was approached with these complaints, the response was immediate.

"The university is going to have to move the receptacles outside the ten-foot area, and they haven't yet," said

Corporal Neil Fetner of the UPD. "That's why UPD is not currently enforcing the no smoking area per se. Even we still have our ashtrays right outside the door."

Fetner was not sure who would be responsible for moving the ashtrays and designating a smoking area for JSU students. The ashtrays are cleaned and maintained by Building Services.

"In fact, let's call him while you're here," said Fetner, picking up the phone.

A few calls later, Fetner had officially brought Ordinance 447 to the attention of the University Administrative Council, who will review the ordinance on April 3.

"I'm not sure what they'll do with it, but we'll have an answer soon," said Fetner.

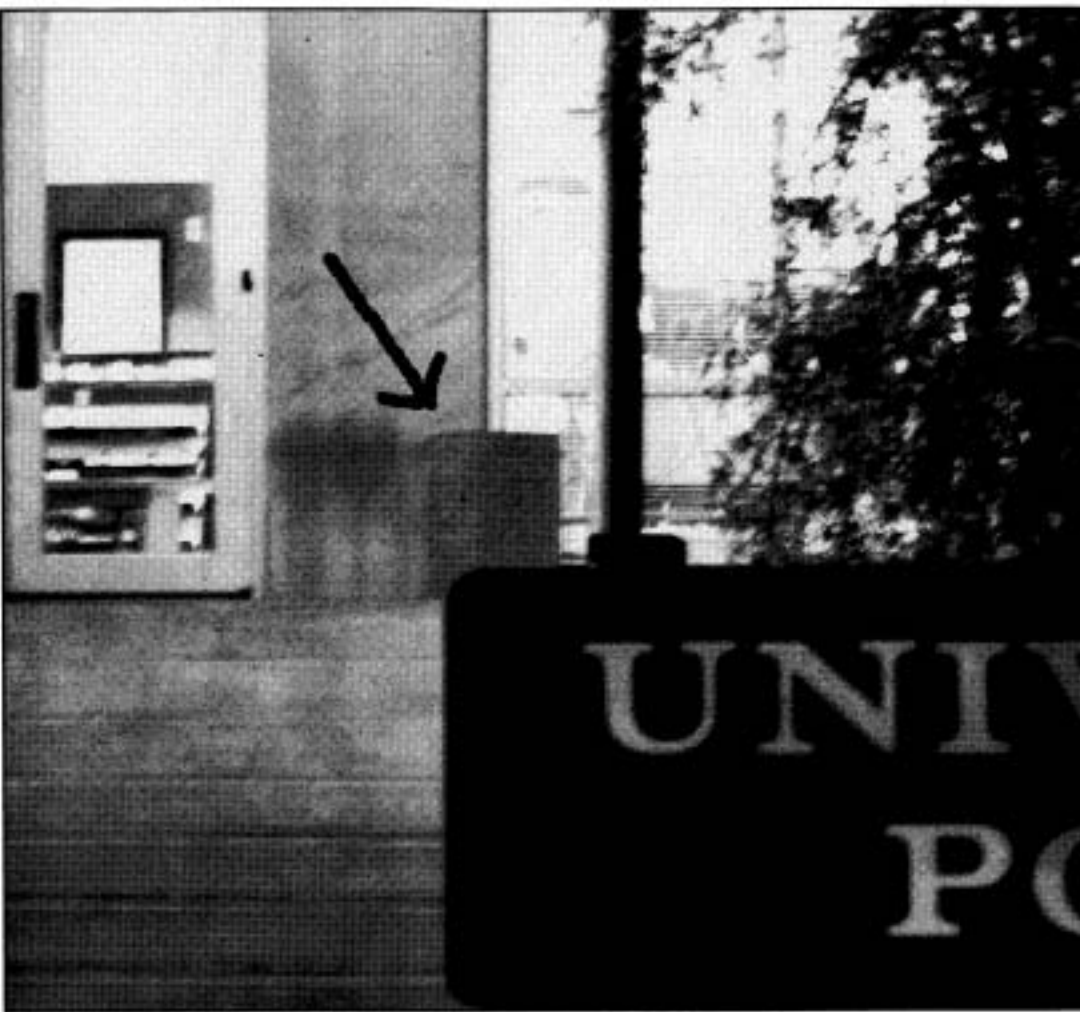


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"Even we still have our ashtrays right outside the door," said Cpl. Neil Fetner of UPD. City ordinance 447 requires smokers to be at least 10 feet from all building entrances.

Save a Life tour promotes alcohol awareness

By: Liz Hendricks
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In 2004, 16,694 people died as a result of alcohol, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. However, these people didn't die from liver failure, heart disease, or any of the other alcohol-related diseases.

They died because someone decided to consume an alcoholic beverage, sit behind the steering wheel of a car, and put their life and everyone else's in danger.

The Save a Life Tour, a high-impact alcohol awareness program designed to teach people the reality of driving under the influence, is trying to stop that

Life Tour rolled through town last Tuesday. The tour has a driving simulator, with five screens to mimic the affects of alcohol on driving ability.

Nathan Vander Ploeg, who started traveling with the Save a Life Tour in December, says people are always surprised to see how poorly they really do in the simulated driving program.

"A lot of people are really shocked at how much they don't pay attention to anything but the road," says Vander Ploeg. "People think that if they can manage the car they'll be all right, but they end up getting hit by something else."

According to the NHTSA, 28 percent of fatal car accidents

numbers hit close to home. About five years ago, a drunk driver killed someone he loved.

He admits that before the accident, he too was guilty of drinking and driving.

"I'm a perfect example. Back in the day I did this [drunk driving] everyday and I believe this now. I should've been put away," says Beldyga. "It's sad, but I've learned from it."

Not only has Beldyga learned from his tragic experience, he has dedicated the last five years of his life to touring the country and educating people about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"I get those people to sit there and say 'Oh my gosh! I

"You're friends will lie to you, even if they're your friends," he says. "Nobody's good at this [driving drunk], so don't believe them."

Beldyga says that studies show that even at a .08, the legal drinking limit, or .07, people become more aggressive and careless.

They think they can drive because the alcohol gives them confidence. He also believes law enforcement is too lenient for alcohol-related offenders.

"You should go to jail for a year. You should have to pay \$40,000- a punishment," says Beldyga. "Not a slap on the wrist."

Several organizations on campus strive to raise alcohol

Armstrong. The Task Force will be having an alcohol awareness seminar on March

29, at 7 p.m. in Sparkman Hall and all students are encouraged to attend.

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gram designed to teach people the reality of driving under the influence, is trying to stop that kind of death from happening again.

Their most recent destination: Gamecock Center, Jacksonville, Alabama.

Sponsored by the Peer Educators of JSU, the Save a

ting hit by something else." According to the NHTSA, 38 percent of fatal car accidents in Alabama involved a driver whose blood alcohol level was .01 or higher.

NHTSA also estimates that in the U.S., an alcohol-related crash occurs every 32 minutes. For Brian Beldyga, these

ing and driving.

"I get those people to sit there and say 'Oh my gosh! I never knew!'" says Beldyga. "I know I'm making a difference."

Vander Ploeg's main advice for college students is being there for your friends and taking the keys when necessary.

wrist."

Several organizations on campus strive to raise alcohol awareness and cut down on drunk driving, such as University Housing's Alcohol Awareness Task Force, headed by Assistant Resident Coordinators Namoonga Syamutinta and Dianna

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AAA sells sweet and shiny things

By: Tricia Mantooth
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On March 9, the African American Association of JSU held a bake sale on the first floor of the TMB starting at 11 a.m.. The AAA sold cupcakes, brownie, and cookies.

Adding a little flare to your average fundraiser, they also sold jewelry, including watches, necklaces, earrings, and bracelets.

The sale's main purpose was to raise funds for the organization. They raised nearly \$80 in only a few hours.

"The African American Association is dedicated to assisting JSU. We are here to provide support for African American students' needs," said Latoya Waddy, president of the AAA.

The organization is open to any African American students who would like to join.

If you're interested and would like to join or get more information about the African American Association, contact Waddy, or the vice president, Destini Mayberry. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. in 301 TMB.



Photo By: Tricia Mantooth

Members of the African American Association show off several different baked goods for their fundraiser which was held in the food court of TMB. The sale raised nearly \$80 for the club.

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FEATURES

Get Out:

JSU Field Schools offers exciting opportunities for students

By: Jessica Summe
The Chanticleer Features Editor

"There's no excuse for students to ever be bored around here," said Dr. Kelly Gregg, a geology professor here at JSU. "There's tons of stuff to do."

Gregg is speaking of the many activities and excursions held by the JSU Field School at Little River Canyon National Preserve and other locations in Northeast Alabama. Some of the Field School's most popular activities are coming up in April and May.

"We call it the "Death Hike" because it's our most strenuous hike, but it's only about 4 miles

humor, we might bring her to the Stars of the Pharaohs," added Morrison.

Morrison is very excited about the Earth Day

The first concert is set for May 27 at 8 p.m., and is titled "Salute to America".

May is also when another of Morrison's favorite

and \$25 for canoe. The Bilingual Hike and the Space Safari are both \$5, while the Deep Canyon Hike is \$15. The Earth Day Longleaf Festival is

free, but a \$5 donation is requested at the gate.

Another \$5 activity is the Nature Journaling Hike, a gentle hike through Dugger Mountain Wilderness that introduces students to nature journaling.

The hike is hosted by artist Sarah Landrum, Dr. Mijitaba Hamissou of the Biology Department, and Dr. Pitt Harding of the English Department.

Gregg said there's often more demand than spaces

students should register early to make sure there's room for them on the hikes and other activities.

Students can register by calling (256) 782-5697 and using their VISA or MasterCard or can stop by the Field School office at 246 Martin Hall.

Payment is full is required to secure a slot, but refunds can be made as long as the student cancels a week in advance. If an event is canceled due to weather, students will not get their money back, but instead will be credited that amount towards another activity.

For more information on the JSU Field Schools and activities, booklets are available in the biology



Photo courtesy of Renee Morrison

JSU students participate in a Nature Journaling Hike through Dugger Mountain Wilderness in 2005. This year's hike is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.



it's only about 4 miles total," said Gregg about the Deep Canyon Hike at Little River Canyon scheduled for April 1.

"People are disappointed when they hear about how far they've actually gone, but few people ever go down into the canyon. There are only a few trails that lead down to the bottom, and this one goes upstream for three or four hours. It's beautiful."

Gregg said another popular hike is the Bilingual Spanish-English Hike set for April 22.

"I have about ten words in Spanish," said Gregg. "Lodo is mud, so that comes in handy on hikes." He laughed. "We decided we wanted to offer bilingual hikes so more people can benefit from the program, and they have been very successful."

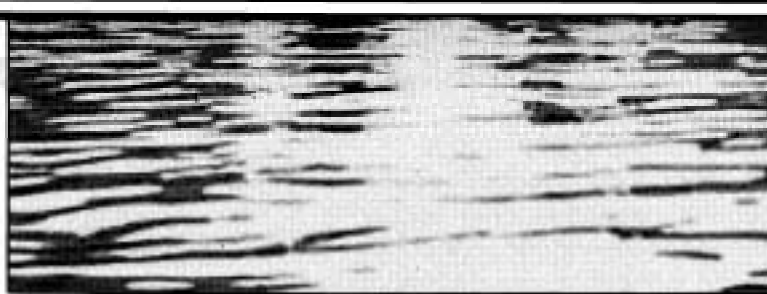
Renee Morrison, coordinator for the JSU Field Schools, also had a few suggestions of activities students might like.

"The Stars of the Pharaohs Space Safari is our best one," said Morrison about the monthly planetarium show.

The Field School just held a Space Safari on March 11. It was called St. Patty's Comic Serpents, and Morrison said 67 people attended, as well as several real-life snakes brought in by the Field School.

"The 13-foot long boa [constrictor] was crabby and didn't come," said Gregg.

"If she's in a good



Photos courtesy of Renee Morrison

Above: JSU students line up their kayaks across the Terrapin Creek. The trip was sponsored by JSU Field Schools.

Right: Participants in the Nature Journaling Hike pause to sketch their surroundings.

Longleaf Festival that will be held on Fort McClellan on April 22.

"We're expecting about 3,000 people," said Morrison. "It's an arts and entertainment festival we're hoping will grow every year. It's be great if more students could come—last year we had more people from Atlanta and Birmingham attend than people from around here."

The Longleaf Festival will have many activities and shows, with live music throughout the day.

"Every family, every attendee, will receive a little passport," said Morrison, opening one up. "All the activities will be listed, and after they finish each one, they'll get a little stamp in their passport. After they fill out the entire thing, they can show it to the gate and get a cool environmental poster. And the festival will lead right into Music at McClellan."

Music at McClellan is an outdoor concert series held in May and June, and is preformed by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

events occurs. The Paddling Tour of Terrapin Creek is scheduled for May 6, and students will cover 8 miles of the creek in either canoe or kayak.

"We want students to come to these excursions, that's why we set the prices so low," said Morrison. The cost for kayaks on the trip is \$35,



more demand activities, booklets are than spaces available in the biology available on wing of Martin Hall, on excursions, so the second floor.

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Opening my mother's mail

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By: Jennifer Bacchus
The Chanticleer
Editor-in-Chief



I got a letter in the mail over the weekend.

No, this isn't an unusual occasion. The odd thing was, it was addressed to my parents. For the record, my parents have never lived at my address.

I moved out of their house nearly 12 years ago when I got married, yet, my parents are receiving mail about my impending graduation at my address.

A note to the administration of JSU: in the fall of 2005 there were 3,447 students over the age of 25 enrolled at this school. That's 38 percent of your student body who are, essentially, non-traditional students.

A large number of these people don't live at home and haven't for many years, yet you send them mail addressed to their parents.

You know what, in my house, I am the parent. Just ask Kyle.

I'd hate to see the look on the faces of the 241 students who are over 50 when they get mail addressed to their mom and dad. I mean, by now some of them are grandparents themselves.

I know that, somewhere in the databases of this university, they know I'm married and they know I don't live with my parents. After all, I had to file papers to officially change my name when I got married and then again every time I've moved.

If you want, though, I can give you my parents' address. After all, I offer their phone number to all the telemarketers who ask to speak to my

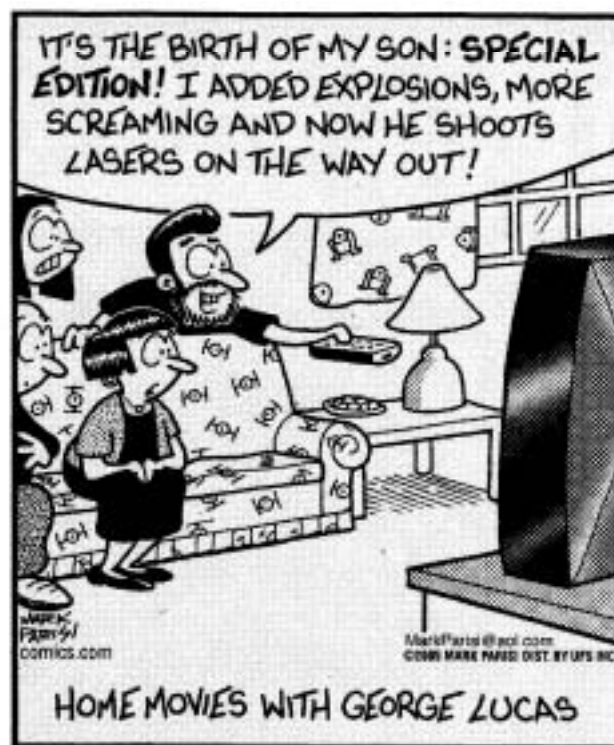
mommy.

But that's beside the point. Basically, every now and then I get a little irked at the way all colleges and universities cater to their ideal students and leave those of us who came to college late in life or went into the military, or decided to have kids or decided to have a life after high school out in the cold.

But then again, that's their prerogative. Just like its mine to gripe and grumble about it every now and then.

And who knows, maybe one day I'll come back as a grad student and start up a non-traditional students club. Of course, we'll be nice and let anyone join and we'll throw the best parties because **EVERYONE** will be legal.

But in the meantime, I'll just settle for opening my parents' mail and trying to decide if I REALLY want that frame for my diploma or if it would look just fine in the standard cover.



Letter to the editor: GPA is just a number

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to the letter that Ted "Jughead" Hunt wrote in last week's edition of *The Chanticleer*.

I could not agree with him more on the fact that there are some senators who only joined because it looks good on a job application. However, are there not people like that in every club or organization?

If memory serves me correctly, you, Mr. Hunt, did not exemplify the perfect senator very well. I do not recall seeing you help out at very many SGA events and during the meetings you nayed every bill that was proposed, as a joke.

Although there are some "bad apples", the SGA also has some very hard working,

dedicated and caring senators. These are full-time students who take an hour out of their busy schedule for meetings and volunteer their time to help out with SGA events. These people work very hard to make JSU a better college and they never seem to get the recognition they deserve.

Yes, I know the officers receive tuition, meals and a parking decal, but they most certainly deserve it. Without these leaders the SGA would be nothing. So what if the officers do not have the perfect GPA? A GPA is only a number; it does not represent the time, effort, or dedication they will put in.

So, I hope the student body hears my cries and rallies behind me. I think we

should all stop and truly appreciate our hard-working SGA.

Go as far as thanking one of them when you see them in the hall. Without them there would be no concert, movie nights, homecoming activities, J-Day or any other events that make the special memories you will remember.

So, thank you SGA and officers for all your hard work in trying to make JSU a fun and better campus for us all, including Mr. Hunt.

Sincerely,
Jessica Johnson

QUESTION
OF THE
WEEK:

WHO'S YOUR
FAVORITE
TEACHER?



Josh Flemming
junior

"Dr. Prudlo, because he's a badass."



Stephanie Watts
freshman

"Dr. Loconto. He's real with us, and we have fun in class."

Movie review: Streetwise

By Jason Keener
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"We're not trying to scare you. We're just telling you

infer are physically, sexual-ly and emotionally abusive.

Erin, a young prostitute, does still live with her mother: a waitress. She has

more camera time than others, but the film cuts to another so quickly we have empathy for the entire group as a whole and not

ies.

Few documentaries seem to survive the test of time. Not in terms of quality, but in terms of memory.

"Streetwise," which has yet to receive a DVD release, now sits in the VHS documentary section of your local video store. Like

the truth."

So says one prostitute to another. Two of them are trying to convince another that she's tempting fate by not having a pimp.

She explains to her worried friends that she's confused and doesn't know what she wants. No wonder. She's 14.

The quote could have just as easily come from the filmmakers.

"Streetwise" began as a *Life* magazine article on teenage street-life written by Cheryl McCall and photographed by Mary Ellen Mark. Martin Bell then directed a documentary inspired by the article.

The article and the film are about runaway kids living as prostitutes, junkies, "dump divers" and con men in Seattle. What's most disturbing is that most of them have chosen this life over living with parents, who we

mother, a waitress. She has already contracted three different STDs. Her mother knows what she does, but calmly explains that it's just a phase she's going through. She feels there's no point in trying to stop her because she'll do it anyway.

And she's making more money than her mother.

Another teen, Rat, has the equivalent of a father in a dump-diver he shares an abandoned hotel room with.

They frequent "regs" for food. A "reg," Rat explains, is a dumpster you visit regularly and become familiar with so you don't eat food that's too old.

Another of Rat's techniques is to call a local pizza joint. When no one comes to pick up the pizza he's ordered, it goes in the dumpster. It then becomes free pizza.

There is no central character. Some kids are given

group as a whole and not just an individual. It's a technique that works.

This film has little necessity for chronological order. With the exception of a handful of key events, most scenes could be scrambled in any order and achieve the same effect.

One of the children examined, Dewayne, inspired Bell to make a feature film; 1992's "American Heart" starring Jeff Bridges and Edward Furlong.

Significant changes were made in adapting the fact into fiction, and each was for the worst.

It's a shame, then, that Bell has sunk into obscurity. Had he followed "Streetwise" up with an equally clever and engaging documentary, he could have been among Errol Morris ("Gates of Heaven," "The Fog of War") as one of the format's leading visionar-

in terms of memory. "Nanook of the North," "Roger & Me," and "Hoop Dreams" are the few that come immediately to mind.

your local video store. Like the youth it observes, it may never receive the love it deserves.

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SPORTS



Photo by Muneca Oliver/Birmingham Southern College

Jake Ball swings away in the Gamecocks' Tuesday night game against Birmingham Southern. The Gamecocks fell to the Panthers 6-1. It was the second meeting of the season for the two teams.

Runners left on base cost Gamecocks

By Patrick Swafford and Marcus Cunningham
The Chanticleer Sports Editor and The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The hits were cooking for the Gamecocks Tuesday night but the meal was never finished as the Birmingham-Southern Panthers beat the Jacksonville State Gamecocks 6-1.

The Gamecocks entered Tuesday night's game with a 7-8 record after sweeping a three-game series at High Point with dominating

back in it, Birmingham-Southern called their one run and raised them two in the bottom of the seventh, putting them up 6-1. As the seventh drew to a close, the offensive part of the game was done. Both teams finished the game without another player getting on base.

The Gamecocks welcomed an undefeated Mississippi State team, ranked sixth in the nation, to Rudy Abbott Field Wednesday night.

Bulldogs would plate three to make it 4-2.

After leaving two runners stranded in the seventh, JSU tried to rally from a 7-2 deficit, scoring two in the bottom of the eighth thanks to three errors by the Bulldogs.

Unfortunately for JSU, LOB "crashed the Gamecocks' party as JSU left the bases loaded with the chance to take the lead.

The Gamecocks were 3-for-13 with runners in scor-

Gamecock softball loses heartbreaker

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

How many losses does it take to prove to a team that you can beat them?

To the JSU softball team, it takes three.

JSU traveled to Nashville, Tenn., to face Lipscomb for the second and third times this season.

It isn't easy for any team to beat a team two or three times in a season, but the Gamecocks accomplished the feat and swept the Bison 3-0 and 6-2.

Pitcher Carly Kellam got the start in game one and only allowed two hits in seven innings of work. The senior struck out nine batters and walked two while she improved her ERA to 1.18. Kellam improves her record to 9-1 and is on a nine-game winning streak while in the circle.

The Gamecocks had four hits in game one and they were spread throughout the lineup; however, the bottom half contributed and did what head coach Jana McGinnis wanted them to do.

"Both games, from our number five through nine, I thought they carried us a lot of the time," said McGinnis. "Our pitching was good and our defense was solid."

JSU took flight in game two and left the Bison grazing in the wind.

Maigin Alexander, who leads the team in home runs, added her fifth in the fourth inning of game two.

Becky Carpenetti went 3-for-4 and drove in one run for JSU, a part of a 13-hit performance for the team.

Senior Christine Pierce won her fourth-straight game for JSU, improving to 9-3 on the year.

The Gamecocks played host to UAB in a double-header on

Wednesday.

"It is always a good game," said coach McGinnis. "They are a perfect team for us to play before we open up with the OVC."

Game one was scoreless until the top of the fourth when UAB scored off of a homer by Nicole Whitlock, her first of the season.

The ladies in the Red and White answered back in the bottom half with the help of UAB's pitcher, Jennifer Nelson. With the bases loaded and two outs, she walked Allie Barker to put Amy Brown across the plate to tie the game at one.

UAB added another run in the top of the fifth from a double to left center by Holly Krzan, which added another RBI to her season total of 27.

However, JSU had another answer. After Megan Jezierski walked and stole second base, Alexander hit a single up the middle to put runners at the corners. Lauren Horwath came to the plate, and with the tying run at third, she put down a sacrifice bunt and got the RBI from Jezierski.

With the game in the top of the seventh, two-outs, and the game tied at 2-2, it seemed certain that the Gamecocks would get their last shot to score before sending it into extra innings. That was not the case.

Blazer Chelsea McCall singled to left field, but got to second on an error by left fielder Alexander. The next two batters reached on a walk and hit by pitch.

Whitlock came to the plate and put a bomb over the left field fence to hit her first grand slam and to put the Blazers up 6-2.

JSU could only answer with one run in the bottom of the seventh. Horwath singled to left field and

scored Daniela Pappano.

Senior Carly Kellam took the loss for the Gamecocks, stopping her nine-game winning streak and suffering her first loss since opening day against twentieth ranked Auburn. The native of Satellite Beach, Fla., gave up six runs on eight hits. She also struck out seven while walking three.

In game two, the ladies looked to regain themselves and prove that they had what it took to win.

UAB took off fast and scored eight runs over six innings before the Gamecocks could answer them and score one run.

Sophomore Alana Hicks hit an RBI single down the right field line and put Jezierski across the plate.

UAB put one more on the board in the top of the seventh and pushed the lead to 9-1.

JSU had an answer, but it wasn't enough. Pappano reached on a fielder's choice by the short stop and scored Barker.

Senior Christine Pierce suffered the loss in the circle after she allowed six runs on ten hits and only pitched three and one-thirds innings. Sophomore Amy Brown came in and relieved Pierce, allowing three runs on three hits.

"We have to give UAB credit," said McGinnis. "They came in here ready to play and they played well, and that is why they swept us. They were the better team tonight. This may be the best medicine for us before the OVC."

The Gamecocks will open Ohio Valley Conference play "on the hill" this weekend against Tennessee State. The first pitch of the three game series is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.



Point with dominating offense.

Things seemed to be looking up for the Gamecocks, until trouble struck again.

Left on Base (LOB) was the ugly monster that showed up in the top of the second inning as two runners were left in scoring position. Not only did LOB ruin the Gamecocks' second inning, but he decided to grab some nachos and hang around for the rest of the game.

"We had people all over the place, we just couldn't get them in," JSU head coach Jim Case said. "We couldn't knock in runs tonight with runners on and the guys up to bat that we want up; and if those guys can't come through, we can't win."

Entering the third inning, the Gamecocks were down 2-0 due to two solo home-runs to left field in the first.

Later, in the bottom of the fourth, Birmingham-Southern sent another solo homer over the wall at left, putting the Panthers up with a three run lead.

After that, both teams held one another scoreless until the top of the seventh when the Gamecocks showed a sign of life. BSU pitcher, Paul Jones, walked JSU second baseman Bert Smith. Brian Piazza followed that walk with a single to left field sending Smith to second. Then catcher Eric Beck stepped up to the plate and hit a ball through the infield like a cannon was behind it, bringing Smith in for the score and placing Beck on first based. That inning ended with one run; two hits; one error; and two LOB.

Just when it looked like the Gamecocks could be

Field Wednesday night.

However, the Bulldogs must have picked up a hitchhiker on their way in from Starkville, because that ugly monster showed up again in JSU's 7-4 loss.

After stranding 12 on base Tuesday night, the Gamecocks left another 11 men on against Mississippi State.

"I think it's always a concern when you leave that many men on base," Case said. "The positive thing is we're getting people in scoring position. Hopefully we'll keep getting them there, because I believe if we keep getting them there, it's going to break loose."

On the mound for the Gamecocks was Donovan Hand.

Hand was simply electric through his first four innings of work, walking three, but striking out seven and holding the undefeated Bulldogs to no hits.

The patient Mississippi State hitters, however, forced Hand's pitch count to 97 in the fifth inning, sending Case to the bullpen.

Hand has been dealing with problems in his thumb this season, but they were not an issue Wednesday night.

"Pitches ran up," Hand said. "It really didn't bother me as much. A couple of times it cramped up, but I made it through it."

Case was quick to praise his sophomore right-hander.

"Electric. His stuff was very good. He was pitching out front and making pitch after pitch after pitch."

With JSU holding onto a 2-1 lead in the top of the fifth, Tony Drinkard came on in relief with two Bulldogs already on base. The

for-13 with runners in scoring position.

The Gamecocks will be in action at home this weekend against Rider tonight at 6:30 and then tomorrow as a part of a double-header. The first pitch for game one is set for 1 p.m.

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

When it comes to her accomplishments on the softball field, Maigin Alexander's least favorite thing to talk about is herself.

Alexander, an outfielder from Fairfield, Cal., is helping JSU's softball team stay at the top of the OVC with her powerful hitting and her amazing speed on the field.

The 2005 OVC Softball Player of the Year is batting .391, and looks to improve as she bats behind her inspiration, Daniela Pappano, who she and the team refers to as, "D."

Chanticleer sports went one-on-one with Maigin before she began practice last Thursday. From this modest, yet outspoken, young lady, we learned that she just likes to make herself and those around her laugh and have a good time.

CS: Why did you choose JSU?

MA: The coaching staff.

CS: What's in your CD player right now?

MA: A mixed CD of hip-hop and R&B.

CS: Is there anyone that you look up to or model your game after? Like in the softball world.



Photo by Angela Reid

Daniela Pappano makes contact with a pitch in game one of the double-header against UAB.

One on One with Maigin Alexander

MA: I am not too much of a big fan of watching softball, actually. However, I look up to who I bat after, who is D, Daniela Pappano.

CS: What's your favorite quote?

MA: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

CS: What is your favorite and least favorite part of the game?

MA: My favorite part of the game is winning and my least favorite part is losing.

CS: What do you do when you are not playing softball or studying?

MA: Hang out with my friends.

CS: Does that include the softball team or is it other friends outside the team?

MA: All around, everybody. I chill with my team and other friends, other athletes.



Alexander

CS: What is your pre-game ritual?

MA: Listening to my music.

CS: What is your favorite sport to play besides softball?

MA: Football. So manly, but...

CS: It's a great sport. What is one thing that you hope to accomplish this season?

MA: Going to the NCAA's.

CS: The regionals or the tournament?

MA: Regionals and tournament.

CS: What is the best class that you have taken at JSU?

MA: The best class?

CS: Or your favorite class?

MA: Criminology.

CS: What is your most embarrassing moment on the diamond?

MA: Ahhh, oh, shoot. I don't know.

CS: You don't have one?

MA: Yeah, I've got a lot of them. Too many to name.

CS: Name one or two.

MA: I was going after a ball and it hit the pole and bounced back like halfway. I ran all the way to the fence and the ball hit dead on the pole. I just totally missed it and it took me like ten minutes to get to the ball. That was last year. This year, I was going after a foul ball. We were away in New Orleans and they had gravel and I fell. I just bit it. And everybody was like, what the heck happened?

CS: What is your favorite movie... And please do not say Napoleon Dynamite.

MA: NO!!! Heck no, I hate that movie. I like *Pearl Harbor* and *Love and Basketball*.

Maigin and the ladies of the Gamecock softball team will be opening OVC action this weekend when they play host to Tennessee State University. The ladies are scheduled for a double header on Saturday at 1 p.m. and play one game on Sunday at 1 p.m., to complete the three game series. Admission is free.

SPORTS
Nothing
can beat
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Patrick Swafford
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Rifle claims smallbore National Championship

By: Chad Hoffman
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

National Champs?

Yes they are.

The Jacksonville State rifle team claimed their first ever smallbore National Championship one week ago in Colorado

Springs, Colo., at the NCAA National Rifle Championships.

The red and white finished ten points ahead of Alaska-Fairbanks (2329) and the University of Nebraska claimed third with a score of 2322.

JSU won the Air Rifle

Championship last year and fell two points shy of the championship in both guns.

The Gamecocks won the Ohio Valley Conference title three weeks ago and learned the next week that they would only be competing in smallbore, which

upset the team, but did not dampen their spirit.

So, the team got in the right mindset and practiced only smallbore for the next two weeks.

They felt really confident going into the championship and were there to prove that they had what it took to take home the trophy.

The team picked up their game and started shooting like they should, as a team and not as individuals.

"We finally shot as a team," says Senior James Hall. "When Crystal was shooting, we were concerned about Crystal. When Joseph and Michael were shooting, we were concerned about them. We were taking each other's equipment up there and helping each other."

After the first three relays, James shot in the last relay and the team sat back and waited to see if they would pull off the win or not.

"When you got the top shooters in the county shooting right there," said Michael Dickinson, "even in prone and standing, my heart was beating just because you were waiting for the next shot, and who is going to drop. That was the most intense relay that I have ever watched in my life."

The Gamecocks placed three of their four shooters in the finals, which contained only eight shooters. Dickinson won a tiebreaker that put him in the finals.

Brothers James and Joseph tied with a score of 588, and were followed by teammates Dickinson (583) and Crystal Arndt (580).

"Crystal shot really good," said Dickinson. "She tied the number one shooter in the country that won the past two years."

The next day, Joseph shot as an individual in the Air Rifle Championships and did not do as well as he had hoped. He shot a 584 and placed eighth overall, though he wanted to shoot in the 500's and place better.

standings.

"It was one of my stronger starts," Joseph said. "As the match went on, I let some of my shots go and after that I couldn't regain. I just lost it after that and I really don't understand what happened."

The team flew home on Sunday and while some prepare to graduate others continue to shoot.

Joseph flew back to Colorado early Monday morning, and Dickinson will join him on Thursday as they prepare to shoot for the Junior Olympics this weekend.

The Gamecocks are looking forward to next year and have a great freshman class. While brother James is leaving Joseph here, younger brother Jon will join him and take over James' spot.

Joseph will have to step up and lead the new members, but teammates Dickinson and Audrey McMillian will have their work cut out for them as well.

"The new people we have coming in are strong shooters," says Joseph. "The only thing I am worried about is nerves. The nerves of a big pressure match. The freshman are about to come into a team that is a national caliber team. The only thing I am worried about is the freshman pressure of being on that caliber of a team and the pressure of competition."

With six incoming freshman, the three upperclassman will have to lead by example and help the young ones along the way. Shooting is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical.

"I am going to lead by example," Joseph says. "The only thing I want to do is go out there and shoot and prove to my team that I am not afraid to shoot. Show them a winning attitude and hopefully they will follow."

A view from J-Day



and help upset the United States. We could see Josh Moten tearing the gridiron up on Sundays or Walker Russell and Courtney Bradley shaking hands with David Stern at the NBA Draft. The list goes on and on. The one thing that is common in all of these people is that they love what they do.

Since I've started this job, I can't tell you how many times I've done a post-game interview with an athlete that had a huge smile on their face. It's those people that you can't help but love, not because of their talent, but because of their heart.

I love my job. After I graduate from JSU, some newspaper is going to pay me to watch (and write about) sports! No, really. They're going to pay me to do something I love anyway.

Walker Russell has been invited to participate in the Portsmouth Invitational Tournament in Virginia. This is the only post-season event before the big NBA camp in Chicago. Obviously, Russell is trying to make it to the next level. If he gets drafted, they're going to pay him to play basketball, something he loves.

Leave it to a baseball player I booed 15 years ago to teach me a lesson. If you're going to do something, don't just enjoy it. Love it.

On a side note, people have been asking me about my thoughts on March Madness. Of course they would. I'm the sports guru. You want proof? In the October 27 issue, I predicted the score of the JSU- Tennessee Tech game would be 42-14. The final... 43-17. That's not luck, ladies and gents. I am the guru.

Yeah, now that I've opened my mouth, watch my bracket go to crap after the first freaking weekend.

My Final Four is Duke (Atlanta region), Kansas (Oakland), North Carolina (Washington, D.C.) and Connecticut (Minneapolis). In the end, look for Duke versus UNC for it all with the Blue Devils cutting down the nets.

For some major upsets, look for Utah State to beat Washington in the first round, Gonzaga to lose to Indiana in the second round and Kansas to beat Memphis in the Sweet 16.

Here hoping your brackets don't bust...like mine probably will. Enjoy your Spring Break...and don't do anything I wouldn't do.

For those of you that can't get enough football, JSU football is getting prepared for the 2006 season. The Gamecocks scrimmaged against themselves for their annual J-Da game on March 11. The Gamecocks will enter the 2006 campaign looking to improve on a 6-5 record.

Photo By: Angela Reid

Tennis: men continue to win; Women fall to UT-Martin

By: Chad Hoffman

The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Jacksonville State's men's tennis team remains undefeated in conference play as they nipped University of Tennessee-Martin 4-3 this past Sunday.

The women lost 5-2 and dropped to 2-2 in OVC play.

With the last two games on the line in the men's match, Christian Rybertt and Joey Unkenholz were fighting to win.

Rybertt was serving for the match and the volley was a good one until his opponent Danny McGuire called a hit wide, then the score went back to deuce.

McGuire hit the next ball deep and long and the score went to advantage Rybertt. Rybertt served for match point and McGuire once again hit the ball deep and long to give Rybertt the win, 6-4.

Unkenholz was on the adjacent court and was in a tiebreaker for the set with Andrey Yesipov. If Yesipov won the tiebreak then he would win the match, if Unkenholz won the tiebreak then it would go into a third set.

With Unkenholz cramping and Yesipov physically exhausted, the two fought and fought. Yesipov came out on top and beat Unkenholz 6-2, 7-6.

On the women's courts, Eloah Lopes and Layla Abby grabbed the only wins for the

Gamecocks.

Lopes had to go into the super tiebreak to complete the game in the second set. In a super tiebreak, the players have to play to ten and win by two. Lopes won the super tiebreak 12-10, to win the set and match 6-4, 7-5.

Abby defeated her opponent in fashion. She grabbed the first set 7-5, and stomped Erneshtine Koornhof 6-1 in the

second set.

On March 9 the men and women bounced right by Alabama State and won 7-0, 7-0.

The Gamecocks did not allow any of ASU's players to win more than four games in any given set the entire afternoon.

This boosted the confidence for the red and white and helped them to improve their non-conference records.

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